

#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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#### SECNAV INSTRUCTION 5710.29

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: EXCHANGE OFFICER DEPLOYMENTS TO POTENTIAL CONFLICT AREAS

Ref: (a) Director, Joint Staff MSG 202142Z Apr 07 (NOTAL)

(b) SECNAV memo of 21 Jan 2010 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Sample Host Nation Letter

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To set forth policy and the approval process for Navy and Marine Corps exchange personnel contingency deployments to potential conflict areas.

### 2. Background

- a. Per reference (a), the Secretary of Defense has delegated to the Secretaries of the Military Departments approval for exchange personnel deployments to potential conflict areas in cases where:
- (1) Deployment is with Australian, Canadian, or United Kingdom forces.
- (2) Deployment is with other host nation forces supporting a United States, United Nations, or North Atlantic Treaty Organization operation.
- (3) The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense General Counsel, the Joint Staff, and the relevant combatant commander(s) concur.
- (4) U.S. exchange personnel retain the right of self-defense consistent with U.S. standing rules of engagement and will operate as a fully integrated member of the host nation forces.

b. Enclosure (1) provides a sample format of a host nation letter used to initiate request for U.S. officer contingency deployment.

## 3. Responsibilities

- a. <u>Under Secretary of the Navy (UNSECNAV)</u>. Per reference (b), the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) delegates approval authority for exchange personnel deployments to potential conflict areas to UNSECNAV.
- b.  $\underline{\text{Service Components}}$ . The Navy and Marine Corps shall be responsible for:
- (1) Coordinating with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Department of Defense General Counsel for concurrence.
  - (2) Coordinating with the Joint Staff for concurrence.
- (3) Coordinating with the appropriate combatant commander for concurrence.
- (4) Coordinating with the appropriate host nation defense attaché to confirm the U.S. exchange personnel will operate as a fully integrated member of the host nation forces and will retain the right of self-defense consistent with U.S. standing rules of engagement.
- (5) Notifying the combatant commander of U.S. exchange personnel contingency deployments to potential conflict areas in their respective areas of responsibilities.
- (6) Providing a weekly status report on U.S. exchange personnel deployed with host nation forces to combat zones and potential conflict areas to the Joint Staff/J-1 Manpower and Personnel. Status report will include Service member information and host nation, Service member deployment start date, days deployed, estimated redeployment date, and deployment location and operation.
- (7) Providing all exchange personnel deployment requests to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Policy, Plans,

Oversight and Integration (DUSN PPOI) for review and forwarding to UNSECNAV. Service components will also provide copies of weekly reports, including any updates to the deployment status of an individual, to DUSN PPOI.

- c.  $\underline{\text{DUSN PPOI}}$ .  $\underline{\text{DUSN PPOI}}$  shall review Service component requests and submit to UNSECNAV for approval.
- d. Other Contingency Deployments. Those contingency deployments for which Secretary of Defense has not delegated approval to the Secretaries of the Military Departments shall be routed as described in subparagraph 3b of this instruction to UNSECNAV, who will be responsible for coordinating the submission of the request to Secretary of Defense for final approval.
- 4. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV Manual (M-)5210.1 of November 2007.
- 5. <u>Reports Control</u>. Reporting requirements contained within this instruction are exempt from reports control per SECNAV M-5214.1.

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# Sample Host Nation Letter

Date

Captain John P. Jones Naval Attaché Embassy of the United States of America Clayallee 170, 14191, Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany

Subject: REQUEST FOR DEPLOYMENT OF LCDR A. T. MAHAN, USN

LCDR Mahan is presently serving as an exchange officer stationed as an operations officer onboard the FGS HESSEN of the German Navy in Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

The FGS HESSEN is scheduled to deploy to the Indian Ocean in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Deployment of LCDR Mahan will be under the same conditions including Rules of Engagement issued to the FGS HESSEN, and, as such, he will possess the right of self-defense at all times.

Projected deployment timeframe is 15 August 2011 to 15 January 2012.

Sincerely,

M. G. VON SPEE
Commander, 2nd Flotilla, German
Navy